



STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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Prof. Dr. A. Gray Cambridge

My dear Sir,

Yours was received last night. Concerning the Linum, I wish to ask you a favor, a great one in my own estimation. Would you have the kindness to change your name into that of Davidsoniana in honor of Mrs. Davidson, the worthy Lady of Prof. Davidson of our Coast Survey. She ascended with me Mount Stanford. We found there a Primula of great beauty, and it being new to me, I thought it might also prove new to our science. In this we erred. It seems to be your P. suffutescens. To compensate our Lady friend, I thought it just that her great exertions should be recognized. I leave the matter to you to decide.

The flowers of the *Luium* are beautifully
yellow.

The remainder of your letter I shall
answer some other time. I am hard
pressed just now.

Yours
most respectfully
Henry A. Bolander